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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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Re: Allowable Ex Parte Communications Briefing Held on October 14, 2021;  
An Allowable Ex Parte Briefing from South Carolina Public Service Authority  
(Santee Cooper) Regarding a High-Level Overview of the Company's  
Organization and Operation and to Include the Statutory Responsibility of the  
Public Service Commission  
**Docket No. ND- 2021-33-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 (2015) and as Executive Director Nanette S. Edwards' designee, I am attaching copies of the certification statements and the sign-in sheets from the October 14, 2021, Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing held by South Carolina Public Service Authority ("Santee Cooper") regarding a high-level overview of Santee Cooper's organization and operation and the Statutory Responsibility of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"). I have not enclosed a signed certification statement for Mr. Arthur Whiting. Although Mr. Whiting registered for and attended the meeting virtually, he has not provided a signed certification statement and has failed to return electronic emails to him from the Commission Staff requesting that he do so.

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the briefing and accompanying presentation materials. Any written materials utilized or referenced at the briefing by any of the attendees or Commissioners are provided by those who utilized or referenced them and are included as follows:

**Documents Attached:**

- 1) Presentation Slides;
- 2) Agreement Between Black & Veatch and Santee Cooper Dated August 20, 2021;

- 3) Resolution of the Santee Cooper Board of Directors Dated August 23, 2021 Creating a Stakeholder Committee;
- 4) Contract with Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (**Not Confidential**);<sup>1</sup>
- 5) Solar Power RFP, RFP 2020-01, June 5, 2020;
- 6) Calculation of the 2020 Average Substation Availability Index;
- 7) Xcel file from EIA website Containing Certain Form 861 for Reporting Utilities for 2020 named: "Copy of Utility\_Data\_2020.xlsx";
- 8) Resolution of the Santee Cooper Board of Directors Dated March 22, 2021 relating to Retirement of Winyah Units 1, 2, 3 and 4;
- 9) Moody's Investor Service; Rating Action; October 20, 2020";
- 10) Moody's Investor Service. South Carolina Public Service Authority; Update to Credit Analysis; November 6, 2020";
- 11) Fitch Ratings; New Issue Summary; October 27, 2020";
- 12) Fitch Ratings; Rating Action Commentary; October 22, 2020";
- 13) S&P Global Ratings; Ratings Direct; South Carolina Public Service Authority; Retail Electric; August 12, 2021;
- 14) 2021 Budget Review Presentation, December, 2020 Santee Cooper Board Meeting; and
- 15) Stakeholder Engagement Process Resources for Santee Cooper, October 14, 2021.

Links to items referenced:

- 1) Commission Order No. 2021-591: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/d3dfacc7-36b7-4f06-912f-09fda8969354>
- 2) Act 62: [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123\\_2019-2020/bills/3659.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/3659.htm)
- 3) Act 90: [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124\\_2021-2022/bills/3194.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124_2021-2022/bills/3194.htm)
- 4) Act 95: [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123\\_2019-2020/bills/4287.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/4287.htm)
- 5) Title 58, Chapter 3 of the South Carolina Code:  
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c003.php>

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<sup>1</sup> Although the Contract is marked as "Confidential," Santee Cooper has advised that the document does not need to be afforded Confidential protection.



- 6) Title 58, Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code:  
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c004.php>
- 7) Title 58, Chapter 27 of the South Carolina Code:  
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c027.php>
- 8) Title 58, Chapter 31 of the South Carolina Code:  
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c031.php>
- 9) Title 58, Chapter 33 of the South Carolina Code:  
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c033.php>
- 10) Title 58, Chapter 37 of the South Carolina Code:  
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c037.php>
- 11) Newspaper article on nomination of Peter McCoy as Chairman of Santee Cooper Board of Directors: <https://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article252426868.html>
- 12) Press Release: Governor McMaster's Nomination of Peter McCoy as Chairman of Santee Cooper Board of Directors: <https://governor.sc.gov/executive-branch/boards-and-commissions>
- 13) 2021 Official Statement:  
[https://www.santeecooper.com/About/Investors/easset\\_upload\\_file39937\\_58422\\_e.pdf](https://www.santeecooper.com/About/Investors/easset_upload_file39937_58422_e.pdf)
- 14) 2020 EIA Form 861 Data: <https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia861/>
- 15) Santee Cooper 2020 Integrated Resource Plan:  
<http://energy.sc.gov/files/view/Santee%20Cooper%20Dec%2023%20Signed%20Filed%20IR.P.pdf>
- 16) EmpowerSC: <https://www.santeecooper.com/Save-Energy-Money/Index.aspx>
- 17) Santee Cooper 2019 Annual Report: <https://www.flipsnack.com/santeecooper/2019-santee-cooper-annual-report/full-view.html>
- 18) Cook Case Settlement: [https://www.santeecooper.com/About/Increasing-Value/\\_pdfs/2020.03.17-Cook-Settlement-Agreement-and-Release-among-all-parties-Fully-executed-4821-1458-3735-v.1.pdf](https://www.santeecooper.com/About/Increasing-Value/_pdfs/2020.03.17-Cook-Settlement-Agreement-and-Release-among-all-parties-Fully-executed-4821-1458-3735-v.1.pdf)
- 19) Rate Schedule RG-17 (Santee Cooper Residential Time-Of-Use Rate):  
[https://www.santeecooper.com/\\_Assets/pdfs/My-Account/Rates/Residential/RT-17.pdf](https://www.santeecooper.com/_Assets/pdfs/My-Account/Rates/Residential/RT-17.pdf)
- 20) Historic Electric Residential Bills: <https://ors.sc.gov/regulated-utilities/electric-natural-gas/electric/historical-electric-residential-bills>

With the documents provided by those who utilized or referenced them during the Allowable Ex Parte briefing and with the exception of the one certification statement referenced

above, this briefing is hereby certified as being in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(ii). If website links and documents were not provided by those who utilized, referenced, or distributed them as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(ii), this certification is null and void.

It is my understanding that the transcript of the briefing will be posted on your website, and this transcript is incorporated by reference in all certified statements. The transcript is intended to satisfy the summary requirement of § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii).

As required by law, please post all documents relating to these briefings on your website. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*s/Benjamin P. Mustian*

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record (via electronic mail)  
David Butler, Esquire (via electronic mail)  
Jo Anne Wesssinger-Hill, Esquire (via electronic mail)